

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of aiding a visual search in a list of learnable speech commands by making less frequently-used commands more salient and more frequently-used commands less salient comprising:

presenting a display list of speech commands to a user;

monitoring whether the user has uttered one of said commands;

measuring an evidentiary value related to the utterance of said uttered one of said commands, wherein said measuring comprises determining an initial time that a previous utterance uttered by the user ended, determining a succeeding time that the utterance of said uttered one of said commands started, and computing a time elapsed between the initial and succeeding times, said evidentiary value being the time elapsed between the end of a previous utterance and the start of the utterance of said uttered one of said commands;

comparing the measured evidentiary value to a programmed value;

if the measured evidentiary value is less than the programmed value, decreasing a salience of the command; and

if the measured evidentiary value is equal to or greater than the programmed value, maintaining the salience of the command unchanged or increasing the salience of the command.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the saliency of the display of said uttered one of said commands is reduced by lightening the display of the uttered one of said commands.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the saliency of the display of said uttered one of said commands is reduced by moving the uttered one of said commands down the display list of commands.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the saliency of the display of said uttered one of said commands is increased by darkening the display of the uttered one of said commands.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the saliency of the display of said uttered one of said commands is increased by moving the uttered one of said commands up the display list of commands.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the saliency of the display of said uttered one of said commands is reduced by darkening all of the display list of commands except the uttered one of said commands.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the saliency of the display of said uttered one of said commands is increased by lightening all of the display list of commands except the uttered one of said commands.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the display list of commands is selected from a list of spelling commands or a list of help commands.
- 9-27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the saliency of the display of said uttered one of said commands is reduced by moving the uttered one of said commands from the display list of commands to an inactive location.

29-30. (Cancelled).